



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 9

Meeting Date: 5.30.08

Meeting Location: Hendricks County Department of Child Services
6781 E. US Hwy. 36 Suite #200 Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Kamilla Aeschliman - Director, Boone County DCS, Jana Minks – Supervisor, Montgomery County DCS, Tim Miller - Director, Morgan County DCS, Harmony Gist FCM, Morgan County DCS, Stephanie Kerner – Foster Parent, Heritage Foster and Adoption, Inc. and Char Burkett-Sims - DCS , Region 9 Regional Manager

Guests Present:

Emily Perry – Indianapolis Institute/Susie's Place (Child Advocacy Center), Mark Fairchild - Community Partners for Child Safety, Jocelyn Moore – Community Partners for Child Safety, Lisa Peck - Children's Bureau, Julie Northcutt – Children's Bureau, Michael Scime – Montgomery County Youth Services Bureau, Patti Harmless – CASA, Putnam County Youth Development, Tim Hammond - IDTC, Molly Coulston – Gibault, and Dan Turner, Options Treatment Center

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

The Indianapolis Institute:

Emily Perry presented information regarding the Indianapolis Institute. The Indianapolis Institute is a small non-profit therapeutic program started in 1985 through a grant through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Through this grant they serve adults and children who are victims of child abuse and provide an array of programs to fit specific needs. The grant has allowed for have now expanded to the Region and other nearby locations. The Institute is now accepting new referrals.

Susie's Place (Child Advocacy Center):

Emily Perry gave an update on the progress of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). "Susie's Place" was named in honor of the late Susie Austin, a detective from the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department. Finding a location to house the CAC that will fit into the budget is the current priority. It is hoped that a location will be found in Danville or on the west side of Avon. Susie's Place has a Board of Directors and a Steering Committee. There has been a tremendous amount of support from the community in getting the center up and running.

Title IV-B Funding Proposals:

Request from Boone County:

Kamilla has requested \$888.50 for prevention materials for Body Safety Day for all of the Elementary schools in the county as well as Safety Day that they participate in during the month of June.

All members in attendance approved the request but there was not a quorum at this meeting. Kamilla will seek approval from 3 other council members. Approval was pended awaiting the receipt of additional votes.

Subsequent to the meeting, Kamilla received the additional votes needed from Sally Berish, Andrea Goodwin, and Jana Minks. All voted in favor of the request.

Request from Montgomery County Probation Department:

At the last council meeting, Jana Minks presented a proposal from Kalay Colley from the Probation Department in Montgomery County requesting funding for a program called the Parent Project. The request was for tuition to send 4 personnel to training in California on the program in order to become trainers for the class. The total cost for 4 individuals would be \$11,217.32 for tuition, airfare, hotel, per diem, and it will additionally allow for 150 adult workbooks to be purchased for the class. They are requesting a total of \$10,000.00. The Probation Department will pay the remaining costs.

As the funding is not available for administrative costs, Char spoke with Kalay Colley subsequently to assess the possibility of other payment options for support of the program. The Montgomery County DCS Office is referring clients to this program currently. Kalay may be coming to a subsequent Council meeting to discuss the program.

Community Partners for Child Safety:

Mark Fairchild reports the Program is going well. There has been a very large amount of self referrals. This comes in second to DCS referrals. Finalization on space in Morgan County is progressing and may be completed within a month. They continue looking at possible candidates for parent support staff. The Regional Services Council will be looking at establishing what funding will be available beyond 2008 to continue expansion of Community Partners.

Regional Services Council Membership:

Changes will be taking effect July 1st, 2008. The RSC membership will be expanded. Each representative group will be identifying the individual(s) from their groups who will be participating on the Council. There will be some significant changes in funding of probation through DCS. We will also begin the process of recommendations for the youth representative.

Gibault Treatment Center:

Molly Coulston presented information regarding Gibault. Gibault is a residential treatment facility. They now have a female PRTF. They are also starting on some side projects such as Foster care, nursing homes, day care, and a detention center.

Children's Bureau – FAKT:

Lisa Peck introduced Julie Northcutt. Julie will be the primary contact person for FAKT training. June classes are ready to begin. The classes will be in Morgan County as well as the In-service for June. They have 8 people to attend the training for June and the numbers have been increasing.

Montgomery County Youth Services Bureau:

Mike Scime reports that they received the grant for the mentoring program for teenage mothers. They had their first Mentor training and 5 people are now trained as mentors. They are hoping to team up with Community Partners in order to get a larger crowd. They received the grant 3 weeks ago and already have their first matches next week.

Next Meeting Date: 6.27.08

Time: 9:00 PM

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